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SUBJECT: AFRICAN LOCATION FOR BCEAO OFFICES

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1. MINFIN ASSOGBA ANNOUNCED IN PRESS STATEMENT ON JULY 1 THAT DAHOMEAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THAT "SOME HEADQUARTERS" OF BCEAO AND WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BE LOCATED IN DAHOMEY. STATEMENT WAS MADE UPON HIS RETURN FROM PARIS MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF BCEAO AND FRANC ZONE MINISTER'S OF FINANCE CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH DAHOMEY BELONGS TO A NUMBER OF INTER-AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ASSOGBA EXPLAINED, AT PRESENT NONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE IN DAHOMEY. FINMIN FELT THAT, SINCE DAHOMEY MAKES A CONTRIBUTION (ALBEIT MODEST) TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE INSTITUTIONS, IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT DAHOMEY SHOULD

GET SOME BENEFITS FROM THEM.

2. COMMENT: ASSOGBA'S COMMENT ON DAHOMEY'S BID FOR "SOME HEADQUARTERS" OF BCEAO TENDS CONFIRM RUMORS THAT MRGD IS MAKING STRONG PITCH FOR RESITING OF BCEAO HEADQUARTERS IN COTONOU AS PRICE ITS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN COMPLEX OF FRANCOPHONE ORGANIZATIONS. (SEE ALSO REFTEL)
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